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SUBJECT: KHMER CREDENTIALS IN UNGA

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1. OCT 24 ACTING DCM CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL TO ACTING CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORATE OF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT SUDIO GANDARUM, NOTING THAT AMBASSADOR HAD RECENTLY DISCUSSED FULLY AND MADE MANY OF THE SAME POINTS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK AND GENERAL SUMITRO, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF ARMED FORCES. AFTER EMPHASIZING THAT USG CONTINUED STRONGLY TO SUPPORT LON NOL GOVERNMENT, PRAISING "FORCEFUL PRESENTATIONS" OF AMBASSADOR SANI AT UN, AND REVIEWING ALL OF THE UNFORTUNATE IMPLICATIONS OF A PRO-SIHANOUK VOTE NOTED IN REFTEL, ADCM SAID THAT WE WERE ANXIOUS TO HELP OUR ASIAN FRIENDS IN THEIR EFFORTS AT UN ON BEHALF OF GCF AND WONDERED HOW WE COULD BE MOST HELPFUL AT THIS CURRENT STAGE.
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2. GANDARUM EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS UPDATING OF US POSITION, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME SPECULATION AT WORKING LEVELS OF VARIOUS SOUTHEAST ASIAN DELEGATIONS THAT USG MIGHT BE WAIVERING IN ITS SUPPORT OF

LON NOL AND CONTEMPLATING OPENING DIALOGUE WITH SIHANOUK.
ADCM INTERRUPTED TO REEMPHASIZE THE SECRETARY KISSINGER
DID NOT INTEND TO RAISE KHMER ISSUE WITH CHINESE NOR TO
MEET WITH SIHANOUK.

3. GANDARUM SAID GOI WILL ALSO MAINTAIN ITS SUPPORT OF
GKR. GANDARUM ADDED THAT GOI DOES NOT LIKE SIHANOUK
BECAUSE IT FEELS THAT IF HE WERE TO COME TO POWER, HE
COULD BRING PRC INFLUENCE WITH HIM TO PHNOM PENH.
GANDARUM SAID THAT IF LON NOL GOVERNMENT WERE TO FALL,
GOI WOULD PREFER TO SEE KHMER ROUGE IN POWER RATHER THAN
SIHANOUK.

4. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION AS TO WHAT HE THOUGHT
USG SHOULD DO, GANDARUM REPLIED THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE
TO BACK LON NOL AND KEEP HIS FORCES WELL SUPPLIED WITH
AMMUNITION. ADCM SAID THIS WAS IN FACT USG POLICY AND
ASKED GANDARUM TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER OF THIS LATEST
EXPRESSION OF USG SUPPORT FOR GKR AND TO TRY TO ERADICATE
ANY LINGERING IMPRESSION HE MIGHT ENCOUNTER THAT USG
MIGHT BE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A DEAL WITH SIHANOUK.
GANDARUM AGREED TO MAKE THESE POINTS TO HIS MINISTER AND
THROUGH HIM TO A SENIOR INDONESIAN STANDING COMMITTEE
THAT ADVISES PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS
(PANTAP) ON WHICH HE SITS.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO USUN
INFORMING AMBASSADOR SANI OF THE ABOVE IF IT SHOULD SEE
ADVANTAGE IN DOING SO.
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